

A HARD BLOW STRUCK

At the Populist State Ticket by Ben Henderson,

CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE CONVENTION

He Writes a Letter to John W. Breidenbach Refusing to Support Lewelling for Governor—Still a Populist.

Ben S. Henderson of Winfield, one of the most prominent Populists in the state and the man who was chairman of the Populist state convention a few short weeks ago is now fighting Governor Lewelling and says he will hang his head in shame if Lewelling is elected.

Henderson is an anti-fusion Populist and wanted Lewelling turned down in the convention, but did not make a fight because he saw a renomination was inevitable. He has now, however, written a letter to Chairman Breidenbach announcing that he will not support Lewelling. BEN S. HENDERSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, WINFIELD, KANSAS, Rooms 15 and 16, Bank Building, Winfield, Kan., Aug. 23, 1894.

Hon. John W. Breidenbach, Topeka, Kan.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Under no circumstances do I wish the language used in this letter to be twisted into the thought that I am contemplating a "leap" from the Populist party. Upon the other hand I wish it understood that I adhere strictly to the doctrine enunciated in the New Declaration of Independence, adopted July 4, 1892, by the People's party national convention. Some time ago I promised you that I would speak at Marion on the 25th of this month; on the 24th I wired you that I could not fill the engagement. I also promised you that in the latter part of September I would engage in the campaign, speaking every day during the month of October. This promise I cannot comply with, neither can I support Governor Lewelling for the following reasons, to-wit:

The Penitentiary Investigation. First—The present management of the penitentiary is a matter demanding the careful and considerate attention of all true reformers and of every honest and loyal citizen of this state. The warden in his report points with pride to the enormous amount of coal mined under his management, but he fails to tell that the man that had the contract of all the coal mined by convict labor was the one who made the handsome profit from the sale of this coal and not the state.

During the time that so much coal was being mined by convict labor, Gov. Lewelling was encouraging the miners of the state to stand firmly in their strike for justice and at the same time making it impossible for them to win their strike by taking convicts out of the various manufacturing departments of the penitentiary by the score and putting them in the mines, working both night and day.

According to Warden Chase's recent report, the wrong to the miners of the state was done not only with Gov. Lewelling's knowledge, but with his consent. Then again, thousands of Populists in this state are anxious for a fair and honest investigation of the charges against Warden Chase, including his brutal attack upon old man McDonald.

They think that Chase is innocent and honest and fair investigation will do him no harm. Upon the other hand, if the charges are true, Chase should promptly be removed from office, and in so doing Governor Lewelling would receive the commendation of every good citizen.

Corrupt Police Boards.

Second—At the time I was talking with you as to the part I should take in the campaign there were rumors about that the police commissioners of the large cities were "thoroughly corrupt."

I did not then believe that the stories were true, but believed there was some ground therefor. This opinion I possessed at the time I was elected temporary chairman of our state convention, hence the reason I spoke so emphatically and determined upon the question of woman suffrage, believing that the adoption of that plank into our platform would plainly indicate that the slum vote and influences were not wanted in the Populist party.

When Governor Lewelling accepted the nomination of that convention after the adoption of our platform, I could not believe that he knew the real facts of the corruption in the large cities and state institutions, assuming of course that he was honest and sincere at the time of his speech accepting the nomination.

I was informed at the time of the convention that Governor Lewelling would thoroughly investigate the charges not only against the police commissioners of the cities of the first class, but the charges against Warden Chase as well, and as you know well, a resolution was offered to the convention demanding such investigation and withdrawn upon a promise from the governor's friends that such investigation should be made. I assumed that this was true and gave no further thought to the disgraceful charges of corruption and the wretched administration of Governor Lewelling's administration. I conscientiously believed that everything was moving nicely and that the governor was quietly laying his plans for discovering corruption in office, "if any could be found."

Justice Allen's Letter. While so continuing my confidence in Governor Lewelling, imagine, if you can, the restlessness and uneasiness the shock of the publication of Judge Allen's letter gave me, knowing him to be a cool, considerate and conservative man, and in his letter was a direct charge that Governor Lewelling not only knew of the corruption in the administration of the officers in the cities of the first class, but that he sanctioned it.

This was more than I could stand. I can't believe that "our governor" is as honest and sincere as I thought him to be when he was renominated. Being in Topeka a few days thereafter, I was approached by Populists "high up" in the councils of the administration who assured me "that Judge Allen had been listening to the enemies of Governor Lewelling and wrote his letter to Lieutenant Governor Daniels without proper investigation of the charges which he will make the statement for publication to the effect that he had done Governor Lewelling an injustice."

No such statement, however, has yet been published from Judge Allen. I accepted the alleged explanation, however, as true, yet with a fixed determination

to make some investigation myself, which I have done within the past two weeks and the result is startling.

Investigated For Himself.

Judge Allen's letter is indeed very mild. It throws the mantle of charity around it and protects the most contemptible acts of the police commissioners appointed by Governor Lewelling and since the publication of Judge Allen's letter and in fact within the past four weeks, a committee of respectable citizens of Wyandotte county waited upon the governor and told him of many cases of corruption among the police commissioners of Kansas City, Kansas, and demanded of him and plead with him that a change in the police commissioners be immediately made in the interest of law and the respectable element of the Populist party of Wyandotte county.

To this appeal and demand the governor gave no heed, knowing, too, that this committee was composed of men whose reputation and character for truthfulness and fairness were unquestioned, and he also knew that their loyalty to the principles of the People's party was undoubted.

Now this information comes to me, not from the enemies of the Populist party, but from Populists of good standing in Kansas City, Kansas. Honest men; successful and honest business men not engaged in the lottery business, nor in the joint business.

I have for several months contemplated locating in Kansas City, Kan., and for some time have made frequent visits to that city with that end in view, and hence have formed the acquaintance of some excellent gentlemen of that city, members of the Populist party, and I know of my own personal knowledge that my informants are among the very best citizens of Kansas City, Kan.

State Board of Charities. Third—Some few weeks ago I was employed by the present superintendent and steward of the insane asylum of Osawatomie to protect their interests in some legal matters. At the time I accepted this employment I had no idea that corruption could possibly be unearthed against either members of the present or old board of charities, but I am sorry to say that I learned from reliable authority that Senator Kelly, recently converted to our party and at one time member of the board of charities, and Senator Householder, the present chairman of the board, have not only accepted but have exacted bribe from some of the officers of the charitable institutions under the immediate management and control of the board referred to.

The Prisoners of the Picher scandal. Fourth—Now as to the Picher scandal. I thought at the time I heard of that and still think that his acts are the most damnable I have ever known an officer to be guilty of, and I have said that if the reports were true, which are now admitted, he ought to be in the penitentiary. Some of our friends thought I was a little severe but my indignation knew no bounds when I gleaned from the Courier the report of the interview with Dr. Emerson. In this he said that Dr. Picher claimed that he had the approval of Governor Lewelling and Attorney General Little for this treatment of the male inmates of the asylum, after which interview Dr. Picher had his attention specially called to this statement of Dr. Emerson and he did not deny it.

Therefore I am compelled to believe that the charges against Picher are true and that Governor Lewelling and Attorney General Little did consult with Picher and advised him to proceed to the mutilation of the inmates of the asylum. With this belief I cannot help but condemn all connected with this brutal assault upon the poor, helpless, senseless and friendless boys. Dr. Picher ought to be immediately removed from the superintendency of this asylum for these reasons:

First—He is absolutely and utterly incompetent.

Second—He drinks too much whisky.

Third—He wilfully neglects the duties of his office.

Fourth—He is most inhuman and brutal and no more fitted for the position he holds than an ox, and most remarkable of all, Senator Householder and the entire membership of the board know these facts to be true. They have whitewashed him once and they certainly will whitewash him again.

The boys and girls of this institution need a tender-hearted, moral and sensible man as a superintendent. They need some one to add a little sunshine to the miserable life they are by nature compelled to live.

Lewelling Knows It.

Fifth—Governor Lewelling knows the facts herein stated. He has repeatedly been notified of the incompetency of these men and corruption practiced and notwithstanding his knowledge thereof he absolutely refuses to raise his executive hand in behalf of the people of the state of Kansas in the enforcement of the reforms advocated by the People's party.

For these reasons and many others I might mention, I cannot, as I said before, support Governor Lewelling for re-election and hence cannot, of course, enter into the campaign. I had thought I would do so at any rate advocating measures and not men, but this, upon reflection, I cannot conscientiously do for this man and the reminder of the fact that 40 per cent of all taxes paid by the people of this state into the state treasury go to the support of the seven great charitable institutions of our commonwealth. In view of this monstrous fact, every man in Kansas, regardless of his political faith, must consider the integrity and capability of the men to administer these trusts of as great consequence as the principles of the party to which he belongs.

I know your hands to be perfectly clean of any corruption or of even any suspicion of corruption during the time that you have held office under the present administration and for which I admire you very much. My confidence in you and my friendship cannot under any reasonable circumstances be shattered or destroyed. Knowing you as I have for many years and knowing your honesty and integrity and your superior business qualifications renders it impossible in my judgment for this stain to be cast upon your reputation.

In conclusion permit me to say if Gov. Lewelling should be elected, I want it distinctly understood that I shall make no claims of any part of such victory, but will hang my head in shame.

Very respectfully, your friend,

BEN S. HENDERSON.

HACKNEY NOT A POPULIST

And Has a Club Ready If Morrill and Blue Backslide.

W. P. Hackney, of Winfield, who has just returned from Europe, has been in-

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interviewed by the editor of the Winfield Courier.

"Did you meet any Populists over there, Mr. Hackney?"

"The following is his verbatim reply: 'Now look here, I think I know what you are trying to get at, and let me tell you right here, that if you think I am tainted with any of this Populist foolishness you are badly mistaken. They are not money fellows; I am for free silver, free gold and adequate currency based on both, and never have believed that the government could stamp 'This is a Dollar,' and make me take it for one. I didn't like the position of Morrill and Blue on silver—believed they were single standard men, and so believing would not vote for them. I understand, since I returned, that they have both climbed upon the silver wagon and have concluded to travel with us. If this is sound they are acting in good faith all well and good, but if I ever detect the least sign of variegation or shadow of turning, I will swing my wet aim club with all the force and vigor I can command. No, I can never be a populist. If Senator Cameron should start a party on his platform of 'High Protection and Free Silver,' I might join it, if the republican party don't awake to the needs of the people on the silver question. But I hope the old party will here in the west it is all right—that is, the rank and file. It has a grand history but the necessities of today cannot be met with the histories of the past. Reed, McKinley, Lodge, Cameron and others of its great men seem to be recognizing this. Let the good work go on. You may tell the boys for me that they needn't be uneasy. I can't leave the Republican party. There is no place for me to go. I hope I won't have to leave it. But I will scratch my ticket of every candidate who doesn't get right on the silver question, and stay right after he is elected. I'll brand them with my little pencil and burn 'em in.' This is no time for foolishness, and for one, I won't stand any. If the voters of the party are for silver, the candidates must be for silver or they must retire or be retired by the voters."

"How do you feel toward the candidacy of Morrill and Blue?"

"Well, the recent utterances on the silver question are all right. If I am convinced they mean what they say and will vote and work that way after they are elected, I shall probably vote for them. I know they are right on the vital question of protection, and that they will work for my old comrades. These are considerations which incline me to hope that I may be able to help elect them—add possibly I will."

MRS. LEASE A WRECK.

But From the Following She Appears a Moral, Not a Physical Wreck.

In the Chicago Tribune of Saturday appears the following:

"Mrs. Mary E. Lease will address an open air Populist meeting at Fifty-fourth street and Lake avenue this evening in the interest of the Populist congressional candidate, Howard P. Taylor. Mr. Taylor will speak, as will also Director Howard of the American Railway Union."

In the same issue of the paper is a dispatch from New York as follows:

MRS. LEASE TOO ILL TO SPEAK.

"Mrs. Mary Lease of Kansas has been obliged to postpone her trip east for the purpose of assisting New York Populists and Populists in their campaign this fall on account of ill health. Mrs. Lease had promised the Populists she would come to New York and make political speeches, going from place to place and speaking from a cart, not using halls and lecture rooms. But she has just written to the leaders of the Populists, who have their headquarters at No. 50 East Tenth street, she will not be able to come."

How is it that Mrs. Lease is able to speak in the open air in Chicago, but is unable to speak in New York?

CURTIS WELCOME HOME.

A Big Procession Meets Him and Escorts Him to the City Park.

The welcoming home reception given in honor of Congressman Charles Curtis Saturday afternoon, was a success in every particular.

A large concourse of people assembled at the Santa Fe depot, where a parade was formed on the arrival of the train bringing Congressman Curtis home.

The parade was headed by Jackson's Military band, and the several ward republican clubs were all in line, making a big showing. Seated in an open carriage Mr. Curtis was given a continual ovation all along the line of march, and when the parade reached the City park several thousand people were there waiting to hear the promised speeches, and many more would have assembled had it not been for the threatening weather.

Mayor Harrison delivered an address of welcome to which Mr. Curtis responded.

W. W. Hoch was to have made a speech, but he only made a few remarks as the rain broke up the meeting.

Harry Safford went to Chicago last Thursday to meet Congressman Curtis and detained him there so that he would not arrive here on Friday when all the leading Republicans were at the Wakarusa rally.

WILL CARRY EIGHT.

Charles Curtis Confident of Winning That Many Counties.

Congressman Charles Curtis, who arrived home Saturday afternoon from Washington, is confident that he will be re-elected with a larger majority than he had in 1892.

To a STATE JOURNAL reporter today he said: "The reports I have received from over the district are most encouraging. Of course all my information has been by letter, but from what I can learn of the feeling in the district, there can be no doubt that I will carry eight out of the eleven counties in the district."

"While I do not think it is absolutely necessary, I propose to spend every day in the field until after election. It is due my friends who have been so loyal to me and the party should have my best services. I will today move my desk into a suite of rooms in the Stormont building where I will have my headquarters until after election. I will be in the hands of the congressional committee and my campaign will be arranged the latter part of the week."

"I will speak at Rossville Thursday and at Marion Saturday and after that my meetings will be arranged by the congressional committee. Howell Jones chairman of the committee, is to have active charge of my campaign."

Speaking of his work in congress he said: "We have had a great session, but I can't see how the Kansas Populist members can go home and face their people after their record in congress. The entire Populist delegation only succeeded in getting one bill through congress, and that was a right-of-way for a railroad through the Fort Riley military reservation, which John Davis has credit for."

Davis and Otis are the only Populist congressmen who ever did any thing for their constituents. The Populists were not pledged to any policy on the tariff, yet every member of the delegation except Simpson, who was sick and could not be there, voted to place wool on the free list and to put a tax on tea and coffee, and Pence got up three times and announced that Simpson would vote for the bill with the rest of them if he were able to get up."

"When that irrigation matter came up Baker and Davis were both on the floor, but neither of them opened their mouths in defense of their state. Baker had introduced an irrigation bill and I waited for him to say something, but I was the only member of the Kansas delegation to say a word in defense of our state. I don't understand how those fellows can go before their people and ask for an endorsement."

Mr. Curtis spent about two hours this afternoon at Garfield park listening to the Labor Day speeches of the various party leaders.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

L. A. Fisher returned yesterday from a business trip in the east. Miss Sally Corning of Denver, Colo., is visiting Miss Grace Lemon.

Mrs. J. W. K. Lemon and daughter will leave this week for a visit in Cincinnati, O.

Miss Olive Crum of Quenemo, Kan., is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson, 723 West of our state.

Mrs. J. A. Parkinson of Osage City is visiting her brother, J. E. Robinson, 715 Western avenue.

Charles Crum of Quenemo, is a guest of J. E. Robinson, 715 Western ave.

Six couples of young people went out to Silver Lake on the trolley coach and spent the day bathing and boating. Among them were Misses Payne, Cook, Batterson, Dunford, Homer, Johnson, Bruce and Messrs. Pleasant, McGarity, Riley, Tinscher and Vogel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Sutton have removed from Van Buren street to the corner of Woodlawn and Laurel avenues, Potwin.

W. M. Gushard has gone to Kansas City for an extended visit. Miss Marie Price will return to Omaha the first of the week.

Mrs. Samuel T. Howe and son left yesterday for Portsmouth, O., to be gone several weeks.

Frank Church of Kansas City spent Sunday with friends in Potwin.

Miss Ethel Denison, who has been

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the guest of Miss Mary Roberts the past six weeks, has returned to her home in Denver.

Mr. Charles Lerrigo is spending a two weeks' vacation in California.

Miss Fannie McCallin returned yesterday from Chicago, where she has been looking up fall styles in millinery.

Miss Kate Critchfield of Oskaloosa will visit Miss Lela Saxton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dienst and daughter Blanche, and Miss Susie Wilder, have returned from Colorado.

Mr. C. B. Maxwell is spending this week in Lincoln, Neb.

Mr. S. O. and Miss Alice Neesbaum have returned from Zanesville, O., where they were summoned last week by the death of their brother.

Miss Lou Ellsberry has gone to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rice have returned from a three weeks' visit in Indiana.

Miss Jennie Hartman left today for Emporia to visit her sister.

Geo. Hale will return to the University this year.

B. J. Harris and family, are removing from 600 West 5th street to 416 Madison.

Miss Helen Holman has returned from New York and Chicago.

Henry and Roach Hogeboom, Wilkie Clock, Earl Stiles and Clay Lyon will enter the state university this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cartledge leave Saturday for Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Chas. King and daughter have returned from Colorado, where they have been for the past three weeks.

Mr. A. P. Tanner and children and Miss Speer, left Saturday for Chicago. Mr. Tanner will go on to New York to meet his wife who will visit in Chicago before returning home.

Mrs. Alice Randall has returned to Carbondale after a pleasant visit with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gardenhire will return the first of this week from California.

Miss Marie Brooks will entertain at tea this evening for Misses Daisy Starr and Lou Nash, who will leave Thursday for Lawrence to enter the university.

Mr. Dan Cain has gone to Duluth, Minn., and will return Saturday with Mrs. Cain and Virgil.

Miss Nellie Whitehead left today for Ottawa, where she will take a position as teacher in the education department of the university there.

Miss Rose Riley, of Carbondale, and guests from St. Joe, spent Saturday in the city.

Geo. Penfield, Albert Horton, Lawrence Chamberlain and Alfred Frost will go to Lawrence tomorrow to attend the university.

Harrington M. Wood is spending a few days in Kansas City.

Miss Alice McKistrick has returned from a visit in Holton.

Miss L. L. Moore has gone to Holton to open a dress making establishment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Myers of Ft. Scott spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Harris on their way to Indiana.

Mrs. W. G. Smyser entertained a company of young people at cards Friday evening for her nephew, George Stark of Pennsylvania.

Miss Emma Burgess will return tomorrow from Mendon, Ill., where she has been spending the summer.

Miss Ada Bartell has gone to Wichita to spend a month.

Madame Harmond and daughter Florence have returned from Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller and family have gone to Ulysses, Kas., to spend a week.

The Entre Nous club will meet Thursday evening to reorganize.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanderson of Hoyt are visiting their daughter in the city.

L. L. Higgins has gone to Denver.

October bids fair to rival the month of June for weddings this year.

Misses Gertrude and Grace Babcock will spend a few days in Kansas City next week.

Mrs. R. A. McMillan and daughter Frances have gone to Wilmington, O., to visit relatives.

D. T. Gregg is spending this week at Baxter Springs.

Mrs. Geo. W. Herron and grandson Herman Holm have gone to Denver.

Miss Maggie Mitchell of Hutchinson, Kas., arrived yesterday to visit Miss May Maxwell.

Misses Mollie and Anna Crane and

Minnie Davis, with a party from Osage City, spent Friday at Wakarusa.

Miss Lizzie Lee left today for Emporia to enter the Normal school.

Mr. Charles Barnes spent Sunday in Emporia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pateman have removed from Potwin to 225 West street.

Miss Fay Tinscher will give a tea party Tuesday afternoon at her home in Auburndale.

Miss Jessie Aids of Kansas City is the guest of Mrs. G. P. Ashton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Bates will leave Thursday for Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. G. S. Maxwell and little son of Fort Worth, Texas, are visiting Miss May Maxwell.

Miss Bertha Ellis who has been spending the past week with Miss Mary Sutherland has returned to her home in Carbondale.

Miss Caro Penfield will leave Saturday for Arvonia, to be gone a month.

B. J. Greison went to Texas today.

Miss May Dallas of Washington, D. C., who has been the guest of Mrs. R. M. Gage, left today for Denver to spend a week.

Miss May and Walter Gordon will leave Friday for a three weeks' visit in Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Nellie Post has resumed her position as cashier at Warren M. Crosby's after a three months' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill are visiting in Lawrence.

Miss Grace Green of Lyndon, Kan., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Blanch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hudson have returned from a trip down the St. Lawrence river.

Mrs. H. H. Hazlett and family are moving into Mrs. Short's house on Tenth and Quincy streets.

Miss Josephine Sexton is expected home tonight from a month's visit with her aunt Mrs. Zue Bell, in southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dennison leave today to attend the opening of the Normal school building at Emporia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cook and family have gone to Galveston, Ill., to visit relatives.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest From the North Side of the River.

Most of the business houses closed at noon today.

N. W. Sly entertained Grant Canaway of Moberly, Mo., Sunday.